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SUBJECT: RUMORS RE NEW GDR FONMIN

REF: BERLIN 1806

1. CONCERNING QUESTION OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR
AILING AND ELDERLY GDR FONMIN WINZER, TWO OF OUR BETTER
INFORMED SOURCES IN BONN, BOTH WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN
GDR, TOLD US (SEPARATELY) IN PAST WEEK THAT WINZER'S
SUCCESSOR WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE HERMAN AXEN, SED
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PARTY IDEOLOGUE, AND NOT OSKAR FISCHER, PRESENT DEPUTY

FONMIN.

2. ONE OF OUR SOURCES SAID THE CHOICE OF AXEN HAD BEEN
MADE BY GDR HIERARCHY LARGELY TO SATISFY THE SOVIETS
WHO WANTED SOMEONE LIKE AXEN WHO IS WELL AND FAVORABLY
KNOWN TO MOSCOW. NEITHER OF OUR CONTACTS HAD INFO
AS TO DATE OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF WINZER, ALTHOUGH
BOTH THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.
HILLENBRAND

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